



Meeting Notes

Tree & Resources Focus Group Meeting

4:00 p.m. – Monday, June 15, 2009

Council Conference Room, 211 West Aspen Ave, Flagstaff, AZ

1. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance:

Mark Shiery, City of Flagstaff (Fire)
Tish Bogan-Ozman, Real Estate
Marilyn Weissman, Friends of Flagstaff Future
Brad Dixon, Engineer
Steve Nelson, Citizen (Chair)
Roger Eastman, City of Flagstaff
Neil Gullickson, City of Flagstaff
Kent Hotsenpiller, Engineer
Vince Knaggs, City of Flagstaff
Ed Larsen, City of Flagstaff
Mark Sawyers, City of Flagstaff
Steve Gatewood, Wildwood Consulting, Citizen (Vice-chair)
Collis Lovely, Citizen
Mike Smith, Southwest Forestry Inc.
Ron Hohlfeld, Citizen
Paul Jones, Citizen
Tom Bean, Citizen
Georgia Duncan, Citizen
Paul Moore, RA, Citizen
Michael Morgini, Attorney, Citizen

2. Focus Group Overview

Steve Nelson, Chair, opened the meeting and did a quick around the room introduction for a couple of new participants. He also reviewed the purpose of the group and went into a discussion on providing priorities to the "further discussion and new items" as outlined by the previous meeting.

3. Roles/expectations of the Focus Groups

The purpose of the focus group is to "frame the main issues" and try not to get into the "weeds" of each issue. The focus group members will focus on the main issues and determine whether or not the current code supports the issue,

or if not, how to get there. There was some discussion on the coordination of codes (essential) which had previously been placed in the "resolved" column. It was decided that some of these may require some guidance from the group to the consultant. With this particular issue was the fact that there are conflicts between the forest health and thinning operations down by the fire department, the newly adopted WUI codes and guidance to be set forth in the new Zoning Codes.

4. Staff topics and presentations

Neil Gullickson provided a two page copy from the existing Land Development Code on resource protection and mitigation requirements. The group then started on tree cutting and intentional destruction of resources on private property.

Roger Eastman had to join the group late because of presentation to Planning and Zoning, but when he joined the group, he made a 15-20 minute presentation on Transects and form base coding. This led to more questions and a request for a follow on presentation. The group also wanted to view the Juniper Point project and how resource protection and the various requirements for transects interfaced. A lengthy debate on storm water, rural flood plain and restoration of stream beds should be included in the T-1 through T-3 transects. Concerns about the placement of T-4 and T-5 needs additional input.

5. General comments:

- Group decided that the two items of mitigation (intentional destruction of resources and the use of mitigation for the developer's tool box) should be separate. The group did table this item so that the information passed out by staff could be reviewed.
- Mr. Mike Morgini, attorney, wanted to discuss the transfer of development rights as part of mitigation.
- Group also felt that the zoning code must include conflict resolution for the perceived "rocks in the road" by developers.
- As a homework assignment, the group is expecting an email from Roger Eastman and the Zoning project management with the summary matrix attached and then the group will email back their top five topics for discussion.

6. Future meetings:

First and third Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. for 1.5 hours, and the fifth Monday of the month when it occurs.

7. Adjournment

5:35 p.m.